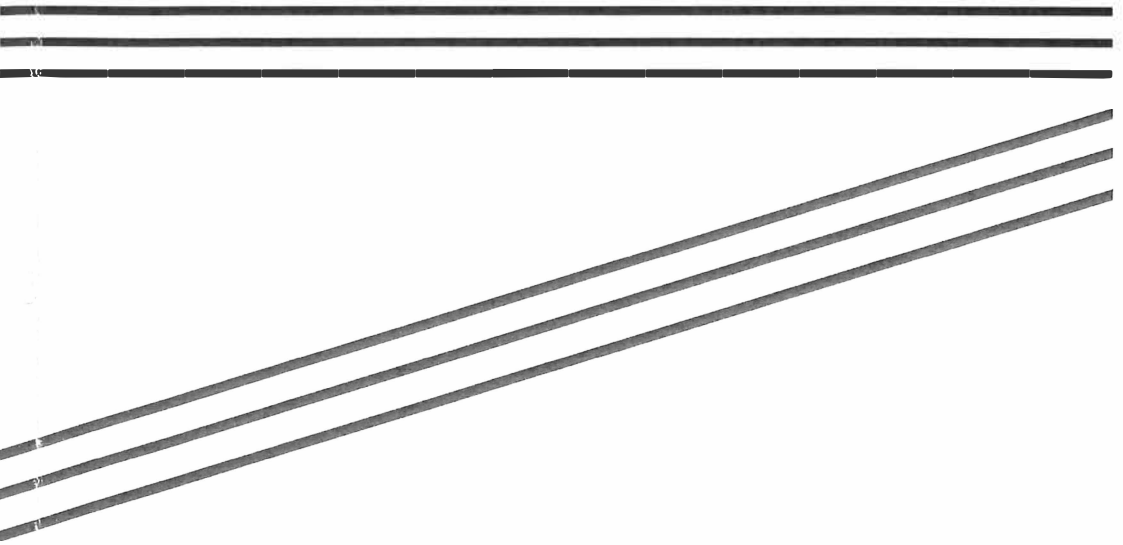
Queers doing things

Snapshot of the last couple of years of queer organising in Mparntwe



Made on stolen lands of the Central Arrernte people

Protest fabAlice

March 2021

NO PRIDE IN POLICE:

Press Release

FabAlice Flag Raising
Friday 12 March 2021

This morning Local Alice Springs LGBTIQA+ community members protest raising the Rainbow Flag at the Alice Springs Police Station. The rainbow flag will be raised as part of the opening of Fab Alice.

"We are survivors of horrific police brutality" Rosalina Curtis, Central Arrernte TO and Sistagirl from Mparntwe

"Raising the rainbow flag at the Alice Springs police station is deeply offensive pink- washing. We have experiences of criminalisation of ourselves, our friends, family and community at the hands of the police. Criminalisation that disproportionately effects Aboriginal people in our community. Raising our flag is incongruous to healing the brutality we face everyday." Said Meret MacDonald, local community member

"I have seen friends irrevocably traumatised by their treatment at the hands of the state here in Alice Springs. Ridiculed and tortured for being queer." Said Meret MacDonald, local community member

Fab Alice has had concerted community opposition from the local LGBTIQA+ community since its inception – with protests at the Fab Alice Parade in 2019, and media across the local radio station and papers (Letter to the Editor Centralian Advocate March 12 2019 attached). Community members are frustrated and determined to fight the commercialisation of their communities.

"The queer community here keeps us strong. Groups such as Sisters and Brothers NT and Pride Carnivale have worked tirelessly creating inclusive community lead events and advocacy. It is deeply disappointing to see FabAlice attempt to capitalise on the work of the community here, and participate in tokenistic pink-washing actions with a flag that belongs to us all."

Letters
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The FAB Alice Festival is promoted as an LGBTIQA event and yet the main stakeholders are Police, the Commerce and Tourism sector and business owners.

There is a vibrant and active Queer Community in Alice Springs that have fought tirelessly for the rights, visibilty and dignity of culturally diverse SisterGirls, BrotherBoys, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, and Queer people.

Learning that the Police would be leading the parade on Saturday and had installed themselves, as an "A" for "Ally" in our Pride movements, was a bizarre surprise, considering our actual allies have never attempted to centre themselves in our struggles.

Our community is Proud because we have survived, built communities of resilience, created inclusive, spectacular spaces and sub-cultures, advocated for ourselves and our allies, educated the public, supported each other and pushed back against the violence, exclusion and oppression we face in the broader community and at the hands of Police specifically.

We are not proud of the brutal historical and current Police violence directed at us and other groups, especially First Nations people, who are culturally and racially marginalised. It's a shame job that the Police were allowed to dominate the Parade.

Nina

Walking, running

Greetings Editor.

All power to local hero Charlie Maher with his hope to form a running/walking group (Advocate article 05/03/19) at Ntaria Community. The health/social benefits that would derive from such a project speak for themselves.

November 20
2021

Transgender Day of Remembrance, Resistence & Resilience

Mparntwe
(Alice Springs)
Vigil &
stories

Sat Nov 20
Council Lawns
6pm

Aboriginal & Black trans lives matter
Remember ♡ Liberation ⚧ Survival
Honour Rebellion Freedom
Community Stop attacking & killing us!
Healing Hope Fierceness Love Strength
Release Trans Prisoners
Justice

Speaking up to Council

April 26
2022

Open letter calling for inclusion & support of transgender & gender diverse people in sports in the NT

In response to recent transmisogynistic and transphobic statements by Liberal Party candidate Katherine Deves, relating to the involvement of trans & gender diverse people in sport, and her public endorsement by CLP NT senate candidate Jacinta Price, we call upon all candidates, parties, elected members, councilors and sport leagues to:

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1. Release public statements of support for the inclusion of trans & gender diverse people, incl brotherboys & sistergirls, in all sports in the Northern Territory, and publicly express opposition to transphobia & transmisogyny.

2. Commit to actively supporting trans & gender diverse people through accessible facilities, including changerooms, bathrooms, administration, registration, and education programs combating transmisogyny & transphobia in sport, to be drafted, guided and delivered by trans & gender diverse people.

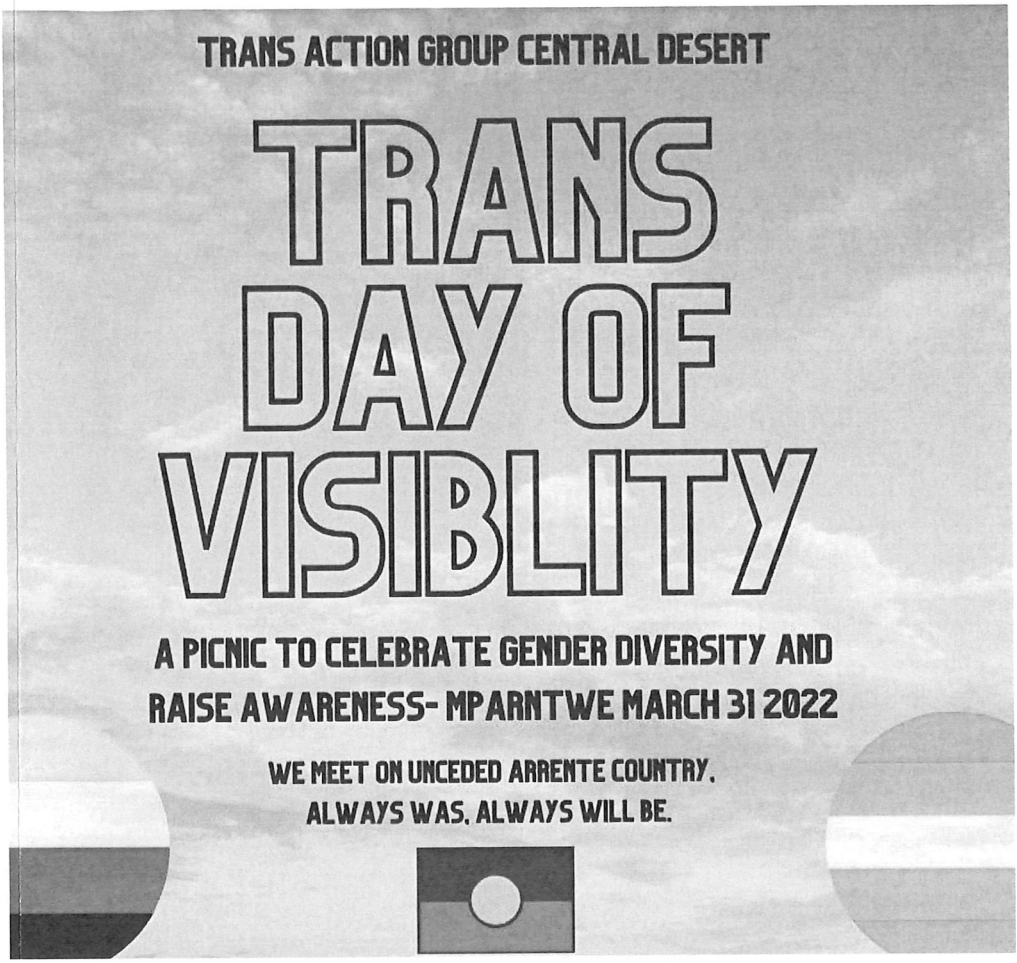
Council media release June 20 2022

Everyone Belongs in Sport: Alice Springs is a sporting town. Whether it's junior, senior, social or competitive sport, it is part of the fabric of life in Central Australia. Alice Springs is also a diverse town—something that we take great pride in. We are a melting pot where people from all backgrounds, cultures, religions, genders and ethnicities live together in a welcoming environment. Alice Springs Town Council firmly believe these two sentiments go together. Diversity and inclusion belong in sport. Council is of the belief that everyone living in Alice Springs should be able to participate in sport and physical activity in a welcoming and inclusive way – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, cultural background, ethnicity, location or life stage. Sport has significant health and wellbeing outcomes, both physical and mental. It is a place that offers a sense of belonging and family, often to those that need a safe space. No one should miss out on that oppor tunity.

Transphobia has no place in our community or sporting organisations. Alice Springs Town Council acknowledges that members of the transgender community face discrimination or exclusion in a sporting context, whether that is conscious or subconscious. When this happens, these members of our community miss out on the significant health and wellbeing benefits of sport that everyone has the right to access. This exclusion can also lead to people feeling as though they are not welcome or safe in our community. That is not acceptable. Alice Springs Town Council supports inclusion in all sports and we urge sporting organisations across Central Australia to ensure they create a safe and welcoming environment for all Centralians.

There is no question: sport is for everyone. Alice Springs Town Council is proud to represent a diverse town and pursue best practice inclusivity.

Alice Springs Town Council is committed to increasing inclusivity Wby undertaking a review of policies and attending workshops to become better informed as an organisation. We look forward to working alongside the LGBTIQAP+ community to ensure everyone feels welcome in Central Australia.


TRANS ACTION GROUP CENTRAL DESERT
TRANS DAY OF VISIBLITY
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ALWAYS WAS. ALWAYS WILL BE.

MARCH 31 2022

The event was held in Snow Kenna Park on the banks of Lhere Mparntwe on Thursday 31st March from 5pm to sunset. Approximately 80 people attended the event. The event included speakers and music, placard painting and food, socialising and photo opportunities. Rosalina and Brianna Curtis where fortunately in town and where able provided a Welcome to Country. Rosalina and Brianna are Traditional Owners of Mparntwe, Sistagirls, twins, and founding members of Sistas and Brothers NT organisation. They both relocated to the east coast to access gender affirming services five years ago. Rosalina and Brianna provided a Welcome to Country highlighting First Nations and Arrernte connections to gender diversity. Rosalina and Brianna brought family members to the event and their work held the space for the community to gather safely on Arrernte country.

October 15 2022

film screenings

The Sistergirl, Brotherboy and LGBTIQAP+ community of Mparntwe gathered for a free film event. A screening the Dreamlife of Georgie Stone with speakers and community connection. Additionally the film Who I Am was premiered.
Free event with popcorn snacks for everyone. The event was family friendly and all ages. All members of the community are welcome to attend including allies.
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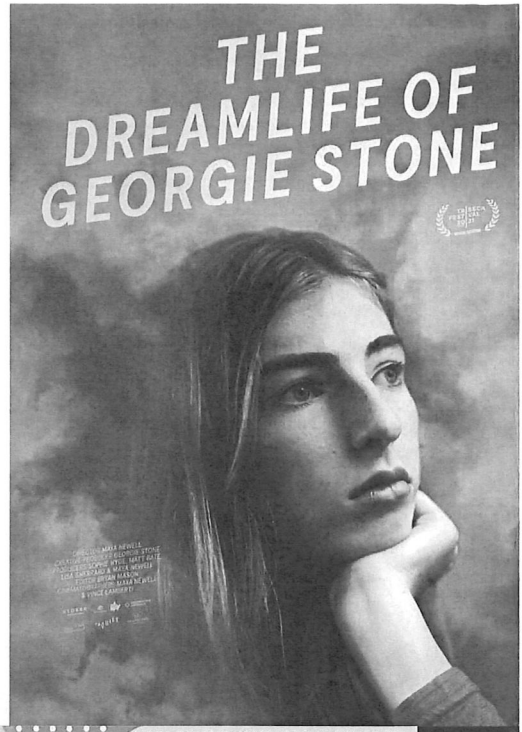

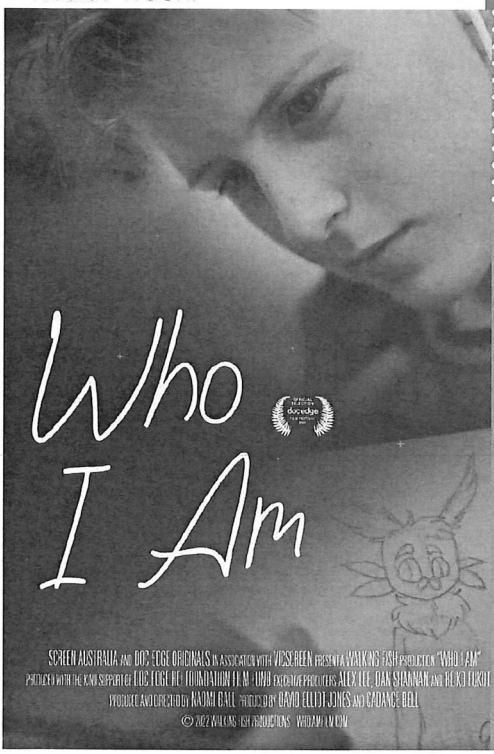
Who I Am
SCREEN AUSTRALIA AND DOC EDGE ORIGINALS IN ASSOCIATION WITH VICSCREEN PRESENT A WARKING FISH PRODUCTION "WHO I AM"
PRODUCED WITH THE KIND SUPPORT OF DOC EDGE RE: FOUNDATION FILM + UNO EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ALEX LEE, DAN SHANNAN AND REIKO TUKUI
PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY NAOMI GALL PRODUCED BY DAVID ELLIOT JONES AND CADANCE BELL
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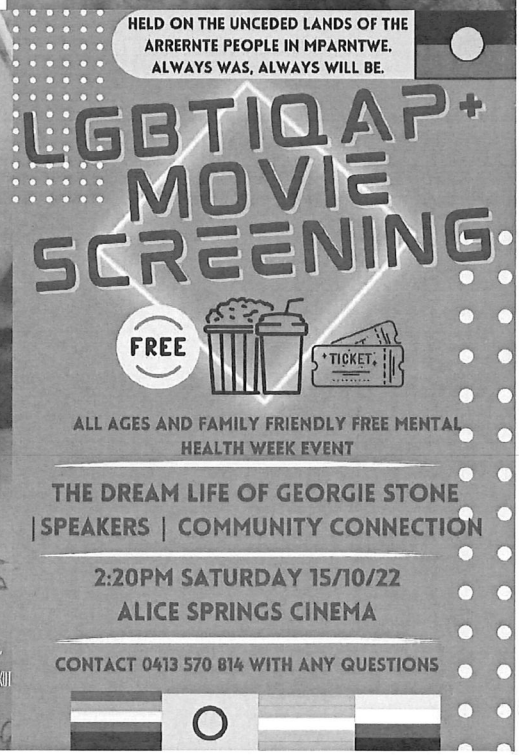
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THE DREAM LIFE OF GEORGIE STONE
| SPEAKERS | COMMUNITY CONNECTION
2:20PM SATURDAY 15/10/22
ALICE SPRINGS CINEMA
CONTACT 0413 570 814 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

RESILIENCE, **RESISTANCE AND** COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY | **20** | AT 4 PM

2022

SNOW KENNA PARK,
MPARTNWE

A gathering of community to reflect and connect.
Please BYO seating, snacks and candles.
All welcome.

CALL 0413 570 814 IF YOU
REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION

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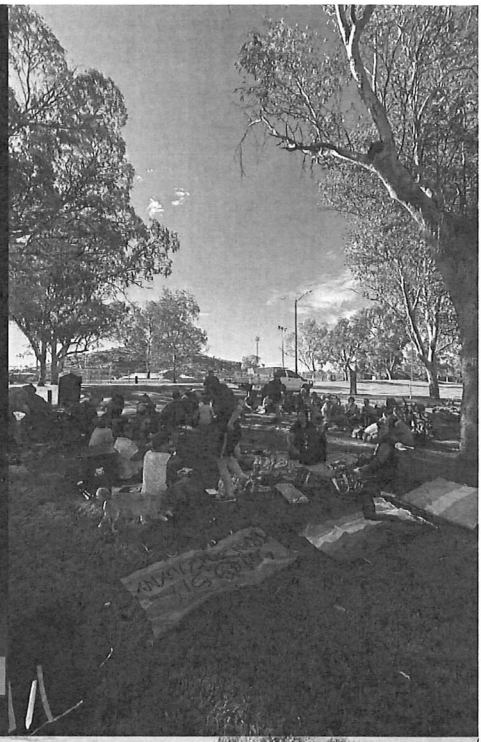
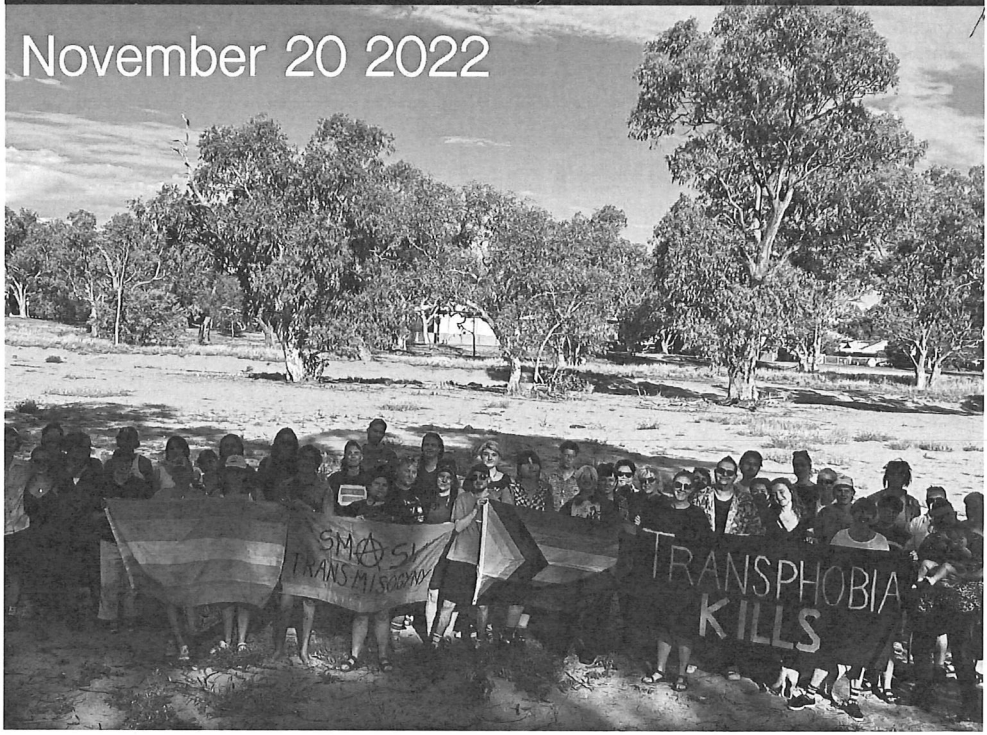




December 15 2022: Consultation with ASTC regarding inclusivity policies

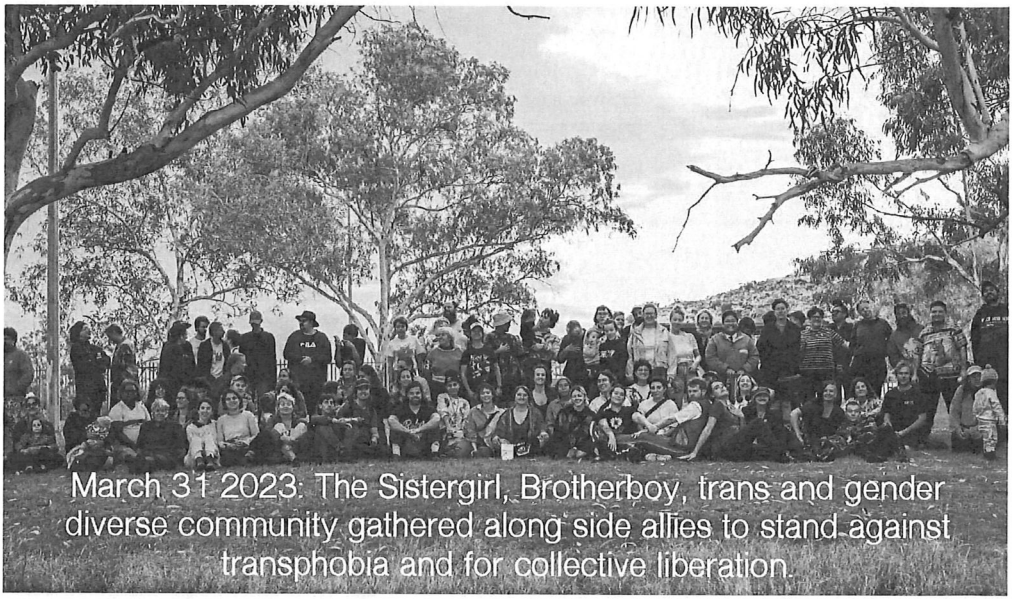
Over 30 people attended a meeting hosted by ASTC Community Developent Director Nicole Battle. Elected members Kim Hopper was present. The meeting was a consultation with the town council community development team and councillors.

The meeting was an important to present the needs of the LGBTIQAP+ Sistergirl Brotherboy community in the region to Council. The meeting was designed to assist informing the councils community development plan for the next 7 years. People come to place pressure on the council to consider the needs of the queer community and all marginalised groups in the region. Though there was large attendence and Council stated they would provide information moving forward, so far no actions from the meeting have occurred.

VISIBLE AND VITAL

TRANS DAY OF VISIBLITY 2023

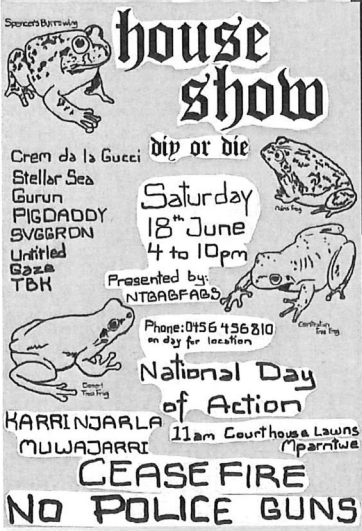
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK, NOW MORE THAN EVER

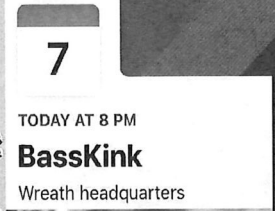


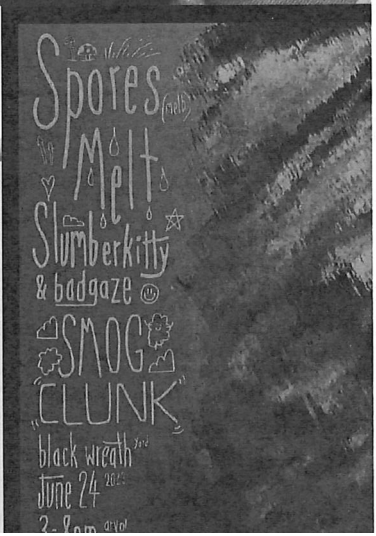
March 31 2023: The Sistergirl, Brotherboy, trans and gender diverse community gathered along side allies to stand against transphobia and for collective liberation.

Parties: parties, parties, parties!

Parties with a purpose: Queer libreration







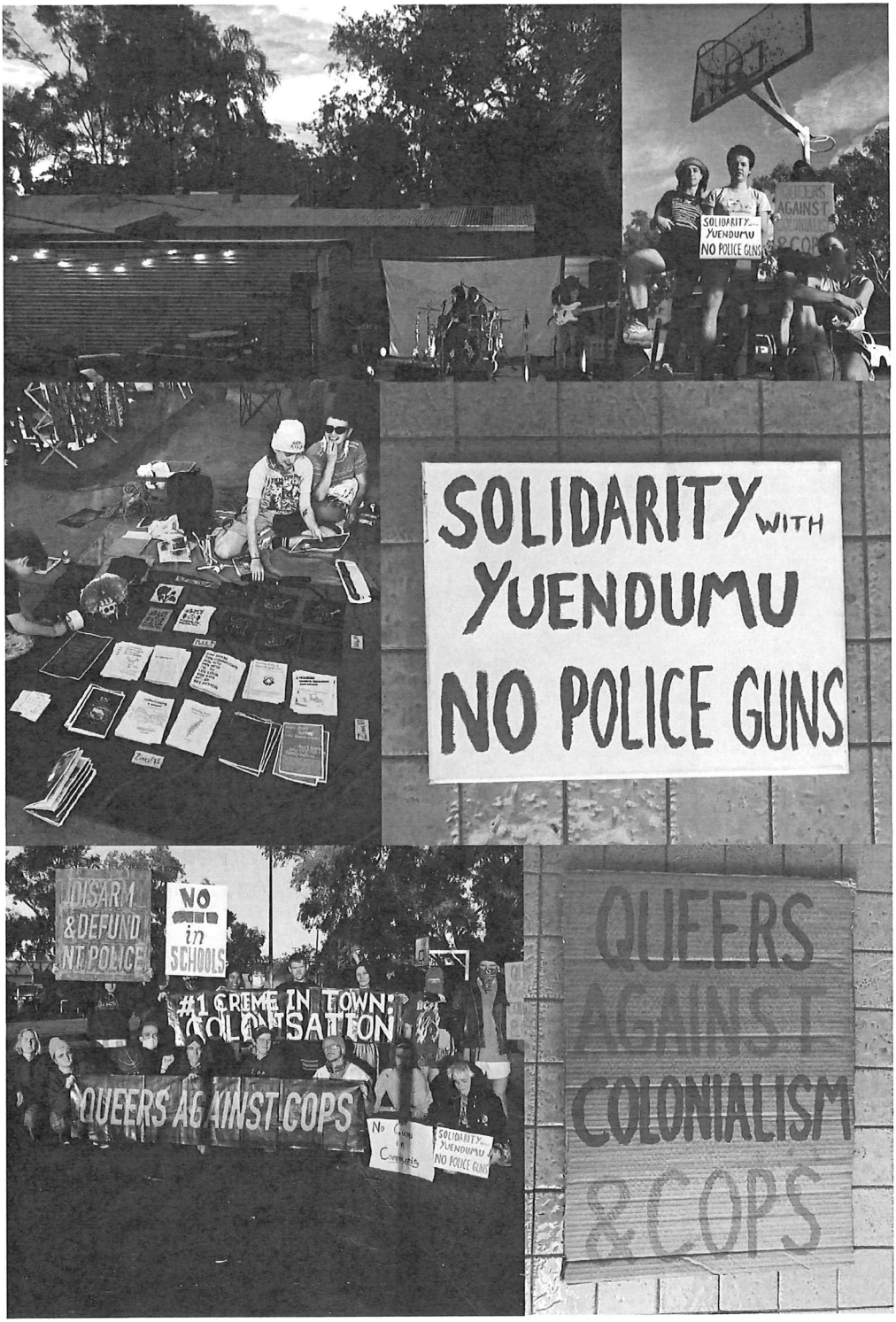
ppl speaking up at things

May 2022 auspath conference

10 queers from Mparntwe attended the Australian Professional Associate for Trans Health which was held in Darwin. Four of these queers presented on a range of issues impacting trans and gender diverse people. The conference was an opportunity for the whole group worked to raise awareness and direct services to the Central Desert region on a national platform.

May 28 2023 wos festival panel trans and gender diverse mparntwe

Over 80 people attended a panel at the festival were a of trans and gender diverse locals spoke about experiences and how allies living in the region can work collectively across a range of issues.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QUEERS AGAINST COPS
No Cops in Carnivals
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QUEERS AGAINST COLONIALISM & COPS

Workplace wins: Transition leave

August 2021: Northern Territory Civil

October 2022: Congress

March 2023: Charles Darwin Unversity

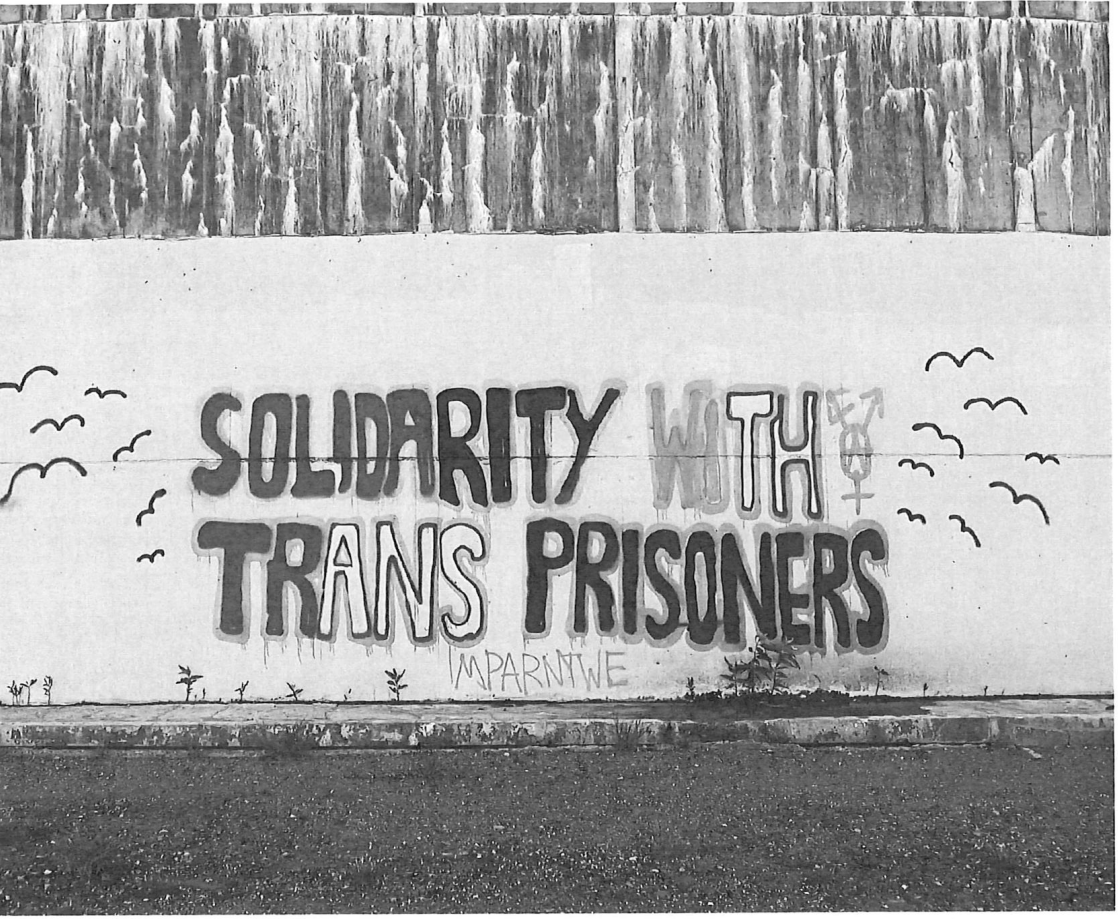
NT law changes

November 2018

Northern Territory governement changes the law regarding birth certificate to broaden rights for transgender and intersex people. People in the NT can update their birth certificate to accurately reflect their gender.

November 2022

Anti-discrimination laws in the Northern Territory is updated. The bill removes the cause that allows religous groups to discriminate against a person based on their religous or sexuality. The changes decrease gaps in the system, especially in the areas of discrimination on the basis of race, disability or domestic and family violence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